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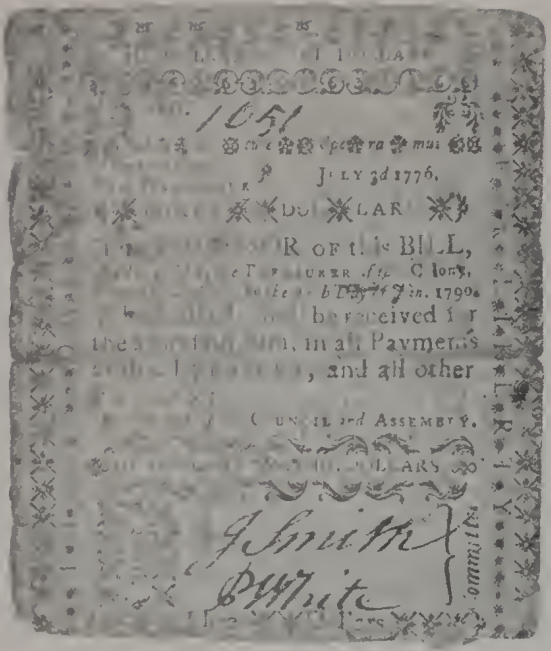
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DOLLARS
J. Smith
P. White
Committee

FIVE DOLLARS.
STATE of NEW-HAMPSHIRE.
No. Five Dollars.
THE POSSESSOR of this BILL shall be paid FIVE SPANISH milled DOLLARS by the Thirty-first Day of December, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-six, with Interest in like Money, at the Rate of Five per Centum per Annum, by the State of NEW-HAMPSHIRE, according to an Act of the Legislature of the said State, of the Twenty-ninth Day of April, 1780.
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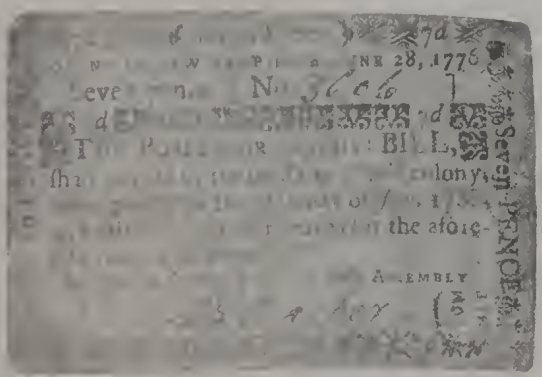
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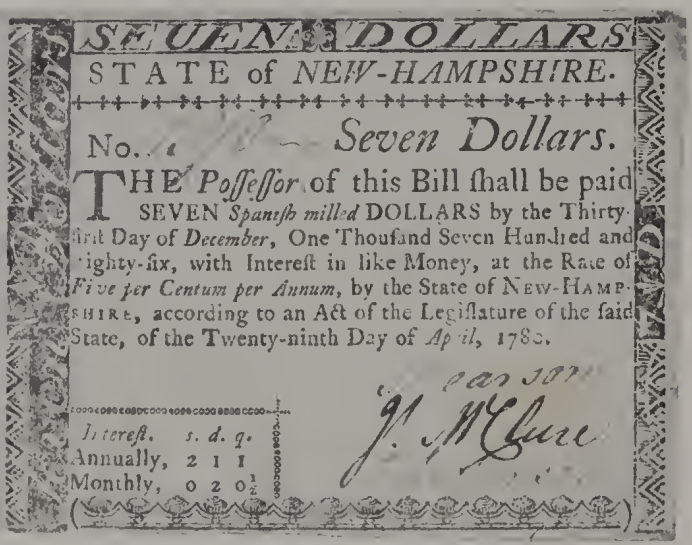
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STATE of NEW-HAMPSHIRE.
No. Seven Dollars.
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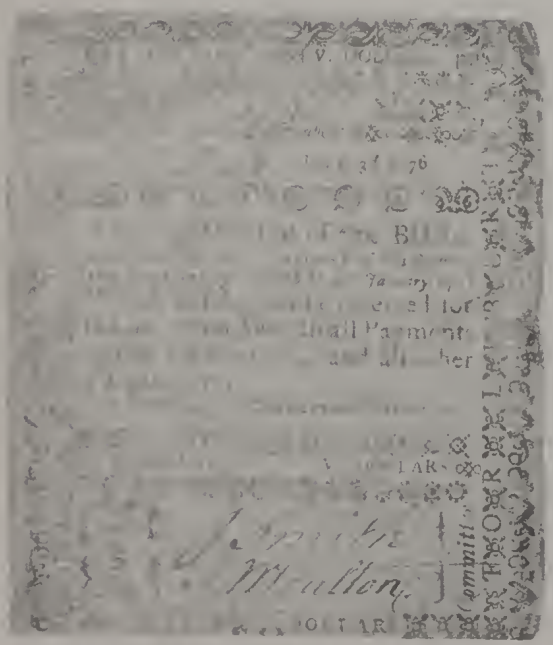
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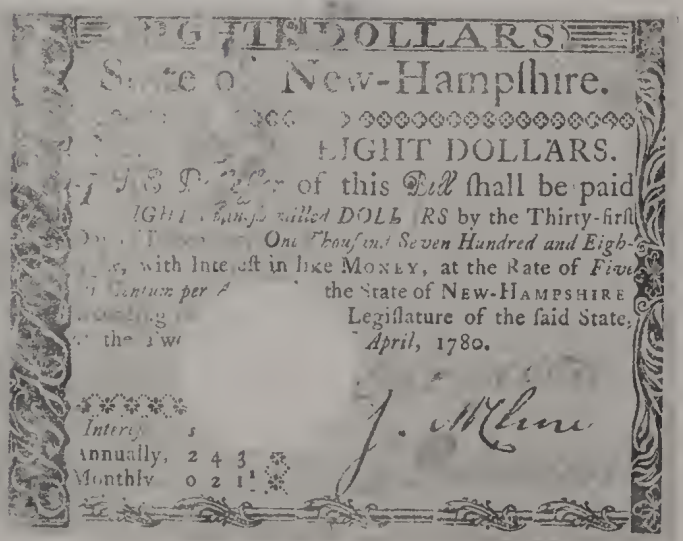
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J. McClure

ATTEND N.H.N.A. FALL MEETING
SUNDAY, SEPT. 26, NEW CASTLE

Seacoast Coin Club will host the fall meeting of New Hampshire Numismatic Assn. 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 26. Walter C. Hayden of the host club has arranged for use of the Recreation Building at Great Island Common on Route 1B half way between Hotel Wentworth and New Castle Town Hall.

General M.S. Newton will speak on his experiences as a member of the 1965 Assay Commission, which is most interesting we are told by several who have heard him.

President Grovenor C. Nudd asks that bids for the Spring show be presented at the business meeting. Talk it up at your next club meeting and bring information on facilities available, etc.

Vest pocket and satchel dealing is encouraged at our fall meetings. There may be a few tables available for early arrivals but you might bring a card table to play safe.

Exhibits are especially invited and exhibit cases will be provided on request in advance to President Nudd. Exhibit receiving most votes will receive special prize.

Proposed changes in N.H.N.A. bylaws will be discussed. Please study these proposals as published in this bulletin and be prepared to vote on them.

A visit to the scenic coast and eating at some of the fine restaurants in this area might be combined with the N.H.N.A. meeting to make this a grand trip for the whole family.

BOOST N.H.N.A. NOW

A strong growing membership is needed to support our bulletin, our library, our shows, etc. Invite your friends to look at the NONAGON, attend the fall meeting, join N.H.N.A., and use our library. Write David Boufford, 50 Cottage St., Keene, N.H. for library list. Some good literature is now available. Donations gladly received. Dues of $1 per year may be sent to John Statkum, Flint Pond Road, R. 1, Nashua, N. H.

SUCCESSFUL SPRING SHOW HELD
AT UNH SNIVELY ARENA IN APRIL

Congratulations to Past President William Prince, General Chairman Charles Jennison, Bourse Chairman Rudolph Johnson, Exhibit Chairman Ray Wheeler, and Auction Chairman Louis Jennison and their assistants for an excellent show in Durham last April.

Speaker Christian F. Verbeke gave us food for thought. Outstanding exhibits included complete set of Canada and Newfoundland 5¢ fishscales by Wayne S. Rich which won top award; Odd and Curious by James Hanner; Civil War material by Albert Richter; Columbian Exhibition items by Ray Wheeler; Gold and Silver Commemoratives by William Prince; Military Tokens by Duane Feisel; 1864-L Copper-nickel cent by James Stiff; and other interesting exhibits including prizewinning by Robert G. Ellis. Richter and Feisel were also winners.

Officers elected were Pres., Grovenor C. Nudd, Penacook; V.P., Donald Pickering Nashua; 2nd V.P., Charles Nims, Keene; Cor Sec., Wayne S. Rich, Concord; Sec.-Treas., John Statkum, Nashua. David Boufford, Keene, continues as librarian, and Rich as Editor of the Nonagon.

COMING EVENTS

Maine Numismatic Assn. Fall Coin Show Sept. 18 & 19 at Poland Spring Hotel will feature Maurice Gould as speaker Sun. afternoon, auctions Sat. afternoon and evening and Sun. afternoon, exhibits of both stamps and coins and bourse all for 25¢.

New England Numismatic Assn. Convention, Oct. 8-10 will be at Statler Hilton Hotel, Hartford, Conn. Plan to attend and support our bid for 1968 convention in N.H.

Greater Manchester Coin & Stamp Show, Oct. 16 & 17, Sweeney Post Hall, 115 Middle St., Manchester, N.H. (See ad herein.)

Tenth Annual Tri-State Collectors' Exhibition, Oct. 23 & 24, Concord Community Center, 33 Green St., Concord, N.H. Plan to exhibit as well as attend. (See ad herein.)

PROPOSED CHANGES IN BY-LAWS

Under Article I - Dues, add as Section 2:
"Life membership, in lieu of annual dues, shall be available as follows: $50 for any person 25 years old or younger; $10 for any person aged 65 or older; between age 25 and 65 the fee shall be $1 less for each year over age 25. Age shall be based on Jan. 1 of the year life membership is purchased. A special membership card shall be provided. Life members may retain their original number or be assigned a lower one if available. Life membership fees shall be deposited in a special fund which may be drawn on in amount equal to annual dues of those members each year."

To be added as Section 3:
Honorary Life Membership may be awarded a person who has made an outstanding contribution to this association. Nominations for this award must be made in writing and be approved by the Board of Directors and by a majority vote at a general membership meeting. Persons receiving this award shall henceforth pay no dues and have a capital H added to their membership number. Anyone who is already a paid Life Member when this award is given shall receive a refund of $10 plus $1 for each year under age 65.

Under Article II, add as Section 2:
Charter membership numbers may be retained as long as dues are paid, and reinstatement may be made by paying back dues up to 3 years. After dues are delinquent for 3 years a charter member's number may be assigned to a life member.

Article V, Sec. 1, add "Treasurer shall be bonded".

Article VII, Seal
The Seal of the New Hampshire Numismatic Association shall be of the design adopted in 1963 and it shall be used only in connection with official business of this Association unless approved for other use by the Board of Directors.

Article VIII, Conventions
Conventions may be held at times and places designated by the Board of Directors.

N.H. TOWN ANNIVERSARY ISSUES

200th

1965 Concord, set of 4 wooden nickels
(Also 5 "unofficial" varieties)
1965 Conway, wooden nickel
1965 Dunbarton, wooden nickels, 2 colors
1963 Gilsum, wooden nickel
1965 Hopkinton, wooden nickel
1963 Warren, Mt. Moosilauke, gilt medal

150th

1962 Gilford, large gilt beauty
1913 Plymouth, $ size silver
Capt. Thos. Baker & Webster Courthouse

Please send additions to this list and notes on other N.H. numismatic items to Wayne S. Rich, Box 391, Concord, N.H. Information on N.H. paper money such as colonial and also broken bank notes, scrip of Civil War, etc. especially needed for work on new publication.

WOODEN NICKEL BATTLE

Concord Bicentennial committee got quite disturbed when they discovered on the eve of their release of 55,000 wooden nickels that local numismatists were already selling wooden nickels featuring the Concord Coach emblem. Wayne Rich represented numismatists at an emergency meeting of the committee and sold them 100 sets of the numismatic nickels after agreeing to redeem any of the unofficial nickels turned in for redemption. The controversy roused the curiosity of a local reporter who asked for a ruling of the Treasury Dept. on the legality of the wooden nickels. Stores accepting wooden nickels were ruled out but the public grabbed the illegal official nickels and redeemed less than 500 of the 55,000 issued. The official varieties all had a Concord Coach on one side. Reverses were Old Man of The Mountain, red; State House, black; Centennial Belle, blue; and Brother of the Brush, green. They are now advertised at $1 per set of 4.

Unofficial varieties included: Tri-State Exhibition in red and green; prairie schooner, brown; Grovenor C. Nudd, purple: and Wayne S. Rich, green. These feature a Concord Coach drawn by Marvin Perkins with much more detail than the official varieties. (Issue 500 each)

12. Jan. 26, 1776*. Authorized on Jan. 26, 1776 was an issue of 20,080 pounds and 16 shillings in bills to be redeemed 1783 to 1786. The issue was to be 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 DOLLAR denominations with 3176 of each, which would be about 800 of each redemption date. This issue is rare with none in either Mass. Historical Society or American Antiquarian Society.

New Hampshire declared independence Jan. 5, 1776, six months before the nation, and this probably explains the DOLLAR denominations. They were figured at six shillings to the dollar. "For defense of American Liberty" is interspersed in right border on the $6. note. The committee to secure paper and superintend the press was Mescheck Weare, Esq. and Doc. Levi Dearborn. Their names are found interspersed in the design above and below the date on the $6. note. (We wonder if the vanity of these men caused as much furore as the V.D.B.) The reverse shows they were printed by Daniel Fowle, Portsmouth, 1776.

13. June 28, 1776. To fill the need for small change it was voted that "there be forthwith emitted on the credit of the Colony the sum of 3400 pounds in the manner following, vis: 6000 bills in each of the following denominations: 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 10 pence, 1 shilling, 1 shilling-3 pence, 2 shillings, and 4 shillings; whereof 1700 pounds be redeemed by a tax on the polls and estates of the rateable inhabitants of this colony by the 26th day of Jan. 1787 and the remaining 1700 pounds by Jan. 26, 1788. Altho not starred by Wayte Raymond they seem to be rarer than the starred Aug. 1775 issue. I have located none of the 4 pence or 1 shilling-3 pence and only one to 3 specimens of others, and these are usually in poor condition. It is interesting to note that altho DOLLAR denominations were used for larger notes, the shillings and pence were used for small change. The committee appointed to sign this issue included Noah Emery, Esq., Capt. Pierce Long, John Smith, Phillips White, Esq., Maj. Samuel Philbrick, and Maj. Benjamin Barker

14. July 3, 1776*. An issue of 20,160 pounds was voted to consist of 3200 each of the $6, $5, $4, $3, $2, and $1 denominations, to be redeemed 1789 to 1792, to be of same form as the Jan. 26, 1776 issue. Dearborn and Weare were again the committee to procure materials and superintend the press and it is interesting to note that their names are still in the design of the $6 note. "Pro bono publico" (for good of the public) and "liberty and property" are substituted on the $5 note. "Nil Desperandum" is on the $4 note. "Sub vertute Speramus" (we look for overthrow) and the denomination are substituted on the $3 note. "For Liberty" on $3, $4, and $5 replaces the longer motto of the $6 note. The reverses are only slightly changed. The two notes shown here are only specimens of this issue seen in my search to date. I believe obverses of Jan. and July issues were same except for date. Signers were Phillips White, Esq., Mr. John Smith, and Mr. Josiah Moulton, III, or any two of them.

15. Jan 20 1777. Authorized Jan. 14, 1777 and Apr. 1, 1777 to be paid in 4 years with interest at 6% were 3000 five pound and 1500 ten pound notes to pay bounties to Continental troops. These were type set with ornamental borders. Month and day of issuance were handwritten. Signers were Noah Emery, Nicholas Gilman, and John Smith.

15a. Mar. 5, 1778 an issue of 40,000 pounds, half in five pound and half in 10 pound notes was authorized. These had redemption date "178_" with last figure to be hand written and the full date of issue was doubtless handwritten. (These "bounty notes" must be very rare as I do not know of any existing specimens.)

16. Apr. 29, 1780. This issue printed by Hall & Sellers and guaranteed by the United States was issued in same denominations and similar design by Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Virginia as well as New Hampshire. It is the only issue of New Hampshire Colonial currency priced in Wayte Raymond and in 1940 all denominations were listed at $2.50 for good and $5 for fine when hole cancelled as

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usual, and they were valued at twice these prices if uncancelled. All denominations are about 2 3/4 x 3 3/4 long and were printed in sheets containing one of each value, arranged $5 and $1 in top row, $7 and $2, in next row, $8 and $3 in 3rd row, and $20 and $4 in bottom row. The possibly unique sheet has each note numbered 5011 and all notes signed and all hole cancelled. These were payable by Dec. 31, 1786 with interest at 5% in Spanish Milled Dollars. They read "State of New Hampshire" instead of Colony. Interest, monthly and annually, is shown in shillings, pence and at rate of six shillings to the dollar.

The reverses of these notes have "THE UNITED STATES" upside down at the bottom and at the top have "THE UNITED STATES" and denomination spelled out. They each have a vignette in the center identical to those used on Continental Currency for the same denomination, except that the center is replaced by a diamond shaped blotch of red. The vignettes and their meanings are as follows:

$1. basket and acanthus (prickly leafed Mediterranean plant) Depressa Resurgit - Though pressed down it rises again.
$2. hand and flail, Tribulatio Ditat - Affliction enriches.
$3. heron and eagle fighting, Exitus in Dubio est - The end is in doubt.
$4. boar and spear, Aut mors aut vita decora - Either death or an honorable life.
$5. hand and bush, Sustine Vel Abstine - Sustain or Abstain.
$7. tempest, Serenabit - It will Clear Up.
$8. harp, Majora minoribus consonant - The greater ones sound in harmony with the smaller
$20. wind blowing over ocean, Vi Concitatae - Driven by Violence.

All bear inscription "The United States insures the payment of the within bill, and will draw bills of exchange for the interest annually, if demanded, according to resolution of Congress, of the 18th of March, 1780. (Signed) J. T. Gilman. Some seen signed "Jn. Taylor Gilman". Also "Printed by Hall and Sellers" on each, either near bottom or below vignette.

Postscripts: An interesting document in the form of a handbill 9½ x 15 inches dated June 30, 1781 proclaims: "AN ACT to ascertain the time for the old Continental bills now current in this state to be received into the Treasury for taxes."

"Whereas it is found necessary that this state's quota of Old Continental Bills of credit should be called into the Treasury as soon as may be, in order that the same may be destroyed: Therefore be it enacted by the Council and the House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, and by authority of the same, That the Old Continental Currency may be received into the treasury towards the tax of the current year, until the 23 day of July next and no longer". (The next 3 paragraphs refer to receiving above currency from non-residents, and state that notes may not be received for any balance due the state prior to 1780. Also that Constables and collectors of taxes shall not be obliged to receive the notes after July 18, 1781) "And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Constables and Collectors of Taxes shall and may receive the Notes called Depreciation Notes, issued by this state, that were payable by the 31st of Dec. last, estimating one pound of said notes equal to one pound, seventeen shillings and six pence in bills of the new emission. And notes issued by this state of ten pounds and five pounds called Bounty Notes, estimating one pound of said notes equal to one pound of said new emission, for the taxes of the current year, provided said notes be brought into the treasury by the first day of October next ensuing, any Law, Custom, or Usage to the Contrary notwithstanding."

This bill was read a Third time and VOTED, that it pass to be enacted..Sent up for Concurrence. John Langdon, Speaker. In House of Representatives, June 29, 1781.

This bill was read a Third time and voted, that the same be enacted. M. Weare, President, in Council, June 30, 1781. Copy examined by E. Thompson, Secretary.

This document poses a question or two. Did the author perhaps confuse the Dec. 31 date on the new 1780 series with the Dec. 20 date on the Nov. 3, 1775 issue, 6000 pounds of which fell due in Dec. 1780? If this is true, as it appears to be, then that issue had depreciated almost 50% and was known as Depreciation Notes, and one question is answered.

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP PAID UP?

Checking the list of paid-up members to whom this bulletin should be sent, revealed many not paid whom we feel would want to continue their membership. An "X" beside your name on the cover means that your membership has expired. Make sure that you receive future bulletins and remain in good standing by sending dues of $1 per year for Senior members or 50¢ for Junior members to treasurer John J. Statkum, Flint Pond Drive, R. 1, Nashua, N.H. Why not pay 1966 dues too while you are at it and save double trouble.

NONAGON BACK ISSUES AVAILABLE

N.H. Numismatics, Chapter 1, on N.H. Colonial currency is concluded in this issue. Some newer members may wish to complete their file of Nonagons. These may be obtained from editor Rich at 25¢ per issue for any of the 6 previous issues. The pictures of rare N.H. Colonial Currency are well worth this price.

ADVERTISING

Send ads to advertising chairman G.C. Nudd, 15 Cross St., Penacook, N.H. by Dec. 15 for next issue of NONAGON. Rates may have to be increased slightly due to cost of publishing and large membership

CLUB NEWS

Baker River Coin Club meets in Warren, N. H. on third Wednesday. George Hight is Pres., Leroy Whitcher, Sec., and Paul Merrill, Treas. Eastern Slopes Coin Club meets second Monday, North Conway Community Center, 8 P.M.

Manchester Numismatic Society publishes an interesting and informative monthly bulletin, "The Key" Editors are Francis Petit and James Morin. Manchester Coin Club meets last Monday at YMCA, 7:30 P.M.

Cheshire Coin Club meets third Tuesday, 7:30-10, Health Office, Keene.

Flying Eagle Coin Club, second Tuesday, 7:30, Savings and Loan Bank, Rochester.

Nashua Coin Club, second Monday, 7:30, Nashua YMCA.

Pease A.F.B. Coin Club, second Thursday, 8 P.M.

Seacoast Coin Club, third Wednesday, 8 P.M., Walter Hayden, Newcastle, Pres.

Conn. Valley Coin Club, second Wednesday, Bradford, Vermont Academy, 8 P.M.

N. H. Collectors' Club, first Sunday (usually), Masonic Hall, 44B S. Main St. Concord, 2 P.M.

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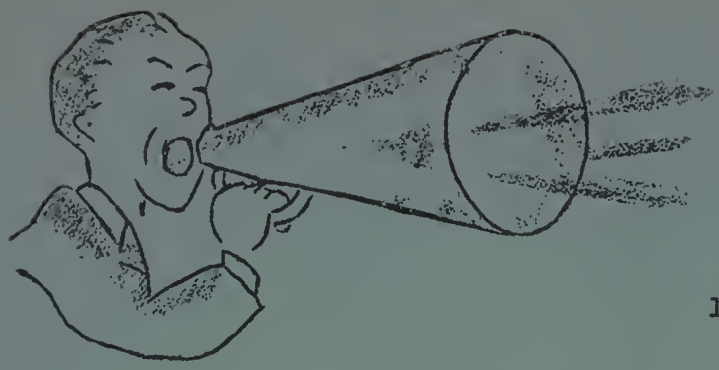

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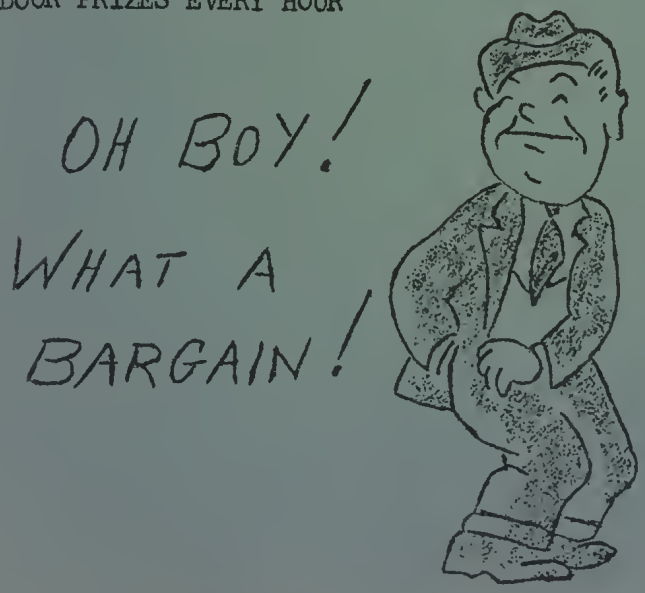

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AUTHOR: THE 4th GREATER MANCHESTER COIN AND STAMP SHOW

DATE: OCTOBER 16th and 17th, 1965

WHERE: SWEENEY POST HALL - 115 Middle St., Manchester, New Hampshire

TIME: Saturday, October 16th - 9 A.M. to 8 P.M.
Sunday, October 17th - 10 A.M. to 7 P.M.

CAST: Dealers of highest respect and finest quality -- (50 in all)
Collectors (advanced & novice) (stamp and coin)
Investors (big & small, we love them all)
Personnel (kind, courteous, efficient and plenty of them)

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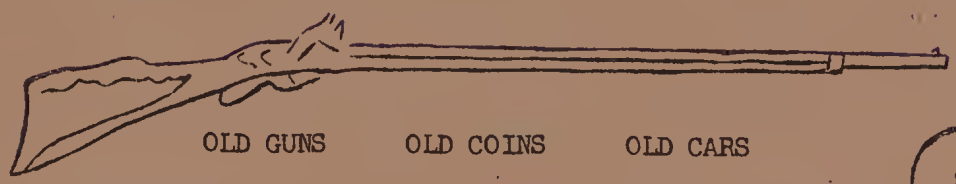

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